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News Highlights, August 13-16

N.C. State Technician

[Architecture students build platform, gain experience](#)

There are few visitors to the North Carolina Museum of Art who can point at something on the museum's campus and say, "I helped create that." However, when a new perch overlooking the museum's pond is complete and opens to the public this year, Sarah Mann, a senior in architecture, will be able to do just that. Read more [here](#).

Washington Post

[Virginia, North Carolina battlefields receive NPS land purchase grants](#)

The National Park Service on Thursday announced the award of about \$1.3 million in matching grant funds to four battlefields in two states for land purchases. In North Carolina, \$103,000 went to the state's Department of Cultural Resources for land purchase at Dunn's Averagesborough Battlefield and \$60,000 for a parcel at Bentonville Battlefield. In Virginia, the Department of Cultural Resources will receive \$800,000 for land at Clarke County's Cool Springs Battlefield and \$367,000 for property at Chesterfield County's Ware Bottom Church Battlefield. Read more [here](#).

Equities.com

[Vintage coastal photography exhibit opens at History Center](#)

Via *Sun Journal* - A new photography exhibit opens soon at the Duffy Gallery in the North Carolina History Center. The exhibit "Workboats of Core Sound" debuts Aug. 31. Visitors can explore the living traditions of the Core Sound region as Tryon Palace hosts the exhibition, "Workboats of Core Sound." The heart of this major exhibition is the collection of Lawrence Earley's evocative photographs of the wooden workboats built in the fishing villages of the Core Sound. Read more [here](#).

WLOS

[Western Regional Archives Open Volumes Of History](#)

Pieces of Western North Carolina history are finally back in the mountains. They include art, photos and documents from generations past. The Western Regional Archives office will soon be open to the public on Riceville road near the V.A. Hospital. Those archives were previously only available in Raleigh. The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources brought these pieces of the past back to Western North Carolina. See more [here](#).

Salisbury Post

[N.C. Transportation Museum cuts staff, raises admission fee](#)

More people are visiting the N.C. Transportation Museum in Spencer, but a decrease in state dollars means staff cuts and higher admission prices at one of the most popular tourist attractions in Rowan County. Attendance was up in July by 17 percent, said Sam Wegner, executive director. Last month, 7,045 people came to the museum, compared to 5,999 people in July 2011. ... Despite the increase in visitors and success of special events, the museum will cut three positions Sept. 1, eliminate an onsite shuttle service Sept. 4 and close an additional day from November to February. Read more [here](#).

The Daily Advance

[Museum lunch series offers one more bite of history](#)

If you've been spending your lunch break at Museum of the Albemarle periodically this summer, you've likely learned something about the odd things in collection storage, the regional Native Americans who inhabited this area and a little something about Elizabeth City's historical architecture. Now it's time to learn how to archive your own family artifacts. Read more [here](#).

Washington Daily News

[The written word comes alive in Bath](#)

The Bath Historic Site visitor center ended its third summer of Second Saturday programs with "The Written Word." Six authors with ties to the area fielded questions, autographed books and read excerpts from their work. Second Saturday is a statewide initiative that brings free arts, history and cultural programs to each of the state's 37 museums and historic sites. Leigh Swain, Historic Bath site manager, said she was pleased with the variety of genres represented at this, their first "Written Word" event. Read more [here](#).

Archaeology Magazine

[A Cargo Twice Dug](#)

Fifty years after they were salvaged and placed in wet storage, the contents of a Confederate blockade runner have reemerged. In 1962, divers from the U.S. Navy salvaged artifacts from Modern Greece, a Civil War blockade runner. The freighter made its way, under cover of night in June 1862, toward Wilmington Harbor in North Carolina. ...Just before dawn, as Modern Greece attempted to sneak past the Union blockade of the port, it ran aground about three-quarters of a mile offshore, near Fort Fisher. Read more [here](#).

Huffington Post

[DNC host Charlotte is city founded in controversy](#)

When all is said and done, perhaps it was destiny that Charlotte host the Democratic National Convention – and that its choice be controversial. After all, the city and surrounding county of Mecklenburg are the main players in one of North Carolina's great historic controversies: whether a document known as the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was signed here more than a year before that other Declaration of Independence (the one drafted by Thomas Jefferson) showed up in 1776. ... "Although it's a point of pride in Charlotte, most North Carolina historians follow the line that it was not an authentic document," says Mike Hill, research branch supervisor at the N.C. Office of Archives History. Read more [here](#).

Beach Carolina Magazine

State Historic Preservation Office provides grants to communities

North Carolina citizens take pride in the history and culture of their particular place, and the N.C. State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) helps them retain some ties to the past. This year the office is announcing \$93,000 in federal grant support to help nine preservation projects in eight counties across North Carolina. Read more [here](#).

The Post and Courier

Battleship North Carolina targets overnight campers

For nearly 15 years, the Battleship North Carolina in Wilmington dreamed of playing host to overnight campers where sailors once slept. By next spring, the World War II-era vessel could see its first guests up the coast, but Patriots Point doesn't see the move as a threat to its huge ship-based camping enterprise. "It's not enough to cut into our business," said Mac Burdette, executive director of Patriots Point, where the aircraft carrier Yorktown offers one of the largest overnight camping programs on a former military vessel in the country. "They would be crazy not to do it," he said. "There is a market for it." Read more [here](#).